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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS:

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME
1)	5,644,739	07/01/1997	Healy et al.

FOREIGN DOCUMENTS:

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1)	03 20 2936 A ✓	09/04/1991	JP
2)	EP 0 851 346 A2 ✓	07/01/1998	EPO

OTHER DOCUMENTS:

1)	"Menus as Containers of Choices for an End-User", IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin, US, IBM Corp., N.Y., vol. 37, no. 3, page 455, 1994, XP000441540, ISSN: 0018-8689
2)	"Methodology for Dynamic Menu Escalation Selection for Pull-Down Menu", IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin, US, IBM Corp., N.Y., vol. 37, no. 3, pages 127-128, 1994, XP000441406, ISSN: 0018-8689
3)	"Reorganization Menu Hierarchy to Best Fit the Individual User", IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin, US, IBM Corp., N.Y., vol. 37, no. 2B, pages 349-350, 1994, XP000433874, ISSN: 0018-8689

A PTO form 1449 listing these documents is enclosed.

Each of the above references was cited in a Search Report for a corresponding European Patent Office Application upon which the above U.S. application claims priority. A copy of the European Search Report (4 pages) is enclosed.

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